sportspersons who are Indian citizens and have won medals in international sports events at the following rates:

(A) Rs. 2500/- p.m. for medallists of the Olympic Games, Gold medallists of the World Cups/World Championships in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines.

(B) Rs. 2000/- p.m. for Silver and Bronze medallists of the World Cups/World Championships in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines and Gold medallists of the Asian and Commonwealth Games.

As regards Shri Manohar Topno, ex-Hockey player, whose story appeared in the English daily "The Hindustan Times" dated 9.6.2003, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has not received any application from him for financial assistance/pension under any of the said schemes.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Memoranda of Understanding (2003-2004) between Govt. of India and KRCL, IRCON International Ltd. and RITES Ltd.:

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways) and the Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) for the year 2003-2004. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 7854/03]

(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways) and the IRCON International Limited for the year 2003-2004. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 7855/03]

(iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Railways) and the RITES Limited for the year 2003-2004. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 7856/03]